

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby veto H.B. 2612 because of the following objections:

This bill would add a member of the Texas Transportation Commission and the Commissioner of Agriculture to the Coastal Coordination Council. Adding new members at this time risks slowing the process of developing the Coastal Management Program and revisiting fundamental decisions that the Council has already made. After months of effort, the agencies involved in Coastal Management Program planning have recently recommended that the Council approve an extensive policy development process. This process will begin in the fall. Adding new members to the Council could subject this process to reexamination and revision and could jeopardize the goal of producing a program that can be approved by the Council in February 1994.

The two members that would be added by this bill do not have as their primary mission the management of the state's natural resources. However, both the Transportation Commission and the Department of Agriculture, along with other natural resource agencies such as the Texas Water Development Board and State Soil and Water Conservation Service, have been active participants in the development of the program since 1991. They currently work closely and productively with the Council through a state agency task force and several work groups devoted to specific issues. Their continued involvement will help shape the Coastal Management Program and will be critical to its success.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 25 day of May, 1993.



*Ann W. Richards*  
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Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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*John Hannah*  
Secretary of State